

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

WANTAGH GRADUATE IS  
CALIFORNIA'S MOTHER TERESA

## HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1993

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sister Patricia Crane, a 1964 graduate of Wantagh High School in my district, for her many good works and dedicated devotion to helping the less fortunate. Sister Crane, who now operates the Holy Cross Clinic in Fresno, CA, is an inspiration to us all and every day demonstrates that the efforts of one person can make a difference. Sister Crane's father, Harold L. Crane, is a respected businessman in Nassau County where he is active in many civic and fraternal organizations.

The following article from the Wantagh-Seaford Citizen, which tells Sister Crane's story, follows:

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(By Leon Summit)

Sister Patricia Crane, RN, BSN, MPH, a 1964 graduate of Wantagh High School, is now serving in a Mother Teresa-type role as the director of a multidimensional clinic in Fresno, California, maintained by Sisters of the Holy Cross, which provides free medical and dental care and other services for homeless and other needy people.

Last year, with a regular staff of only four persons, Sister Crane's Holy Cross Clinic assisted more than 8,000 indigent patients through the voluntary services of 86 physicians, dentists, nurses and hygienists. The clinic is physically part of Poverello House, an independent multiservice social agency that serves three meals a day to the needy. The clinic's staff, equipment and supplies are paid for by the St. Agnes Medical Center of Fresno.

This is the only free clinic in the San Joaquin Valley that provides dental services. Sister Crane told The Citizen in a telephone interview.

"Fresno is the first U.S. city in which I have worked where dentists volunteer their time," she said. "What an impressive commentary on the dentists in this area . . . I understand that not even San Francisco has such a clinic."

The clinic serves only people who are homeless or uninsured. It has never had to turn away any patient who qualified for its services, she said.

Approximately 70 percent of the clinic's clientele are male. About 47 percent are between 19 and 35 years old, and 34 percent are between 30 and 60. Sixty percent are Hispanic, 18 percent Caucasian, and 17 percent African-American.

In addition to free medical and dental care, the clinic also provides the required medications, "since the people we treat would otherwise be unable to get them."

The clinic's medical services are first-come, first-served, from 1 to 4 p.m., and appointments are not required. Hours for dental care vary, on the basis of availability of volunteer dentists. The clinic handles about 25 to 30 patients per day.

"We are blessed," Sister Crane said, "in being located right in the area where these services are needed. People don't have to travel far to get here. If they need to have some food with their medication, we can recommend that they go next door to Poverello House, where they will be served a meal."

Just across the street from Poverello House is "The Gathering Place," a day-shelter for women and children, which is located in the Holy Cross Center for Women.

If a woman has the flu, Sister Crane said, "we can send her across the street to rest. Poverello House also offers social services, which are another free benefit for our clients who need such assistance."

The number of women and children visiting the clinic is increasing, Sister Crane said. When a mother who has no primary care provider comes in with two or three children and some of the children are sick, "you really want to reach out and help them. You know they won't get better sitting out there on the street."

Poverello House was recently expanded, at a cost of \$1.5 million. Part of the money came from the City of Fresno, but most has come from private contributions. Poverello House is now seeking contributions for the remaining \$250,000 owed for its expansion.

The expansion included doubling the clinic's size and enlarging the dental clinic rooms by 25 percent.

In addition to volunteer clinical professionals, Sister Crane is constantly seeking other volunteers with or without medical backgrounds to help process patients, such as translators and clerical personnel.

"Pat," as Sister Crane is familiarly known to all who work with her, is the daughter of Harold L. Crane, C.R.B., of Bellmore, an active member of the Wantagh Lions Club. Mr. Crane's family resided at various times in Wantagh, Seaford and Bellmore and his office was in Wantagh for about 40 years before he moved.

Before coming to the Holy Cross Clinic she had served as a nurse in Mexico, El Salvador, and Washington, D.C.

Patricia Mary Crane graduated from Wantagh High School in 1964, and from Russell Sage College in Troy, New York, in 1968, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Her first job was as a nurse in Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, where she worked for eleven years.

In 1979 she became a public health nurse in Mexico with the Eric Diocesan Mission Office, serving the Mayan Indian population. Her responsibility was to staff a mobile van with volunteers, train them, and with this team to go out into the villages providing free medical care.

In 1982, feeling a need for broader background in public health administration, she returned to the U.S. and enrolled in the Columbia University Graduate School, earning her Master's degree in Public Health in 1984.

She then returned to Latin America to serve as a public health nurse in El Salvador.

## TRIBUTE TO LAURIE STOLL

## HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to stand here today to honor a woman from my 17th Congressional District who has made a remarkable achievement.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Laurie Stoll who last year, while still a college student only weeks from exams, took the 1992 Uniform certified public accountant exam. Out of a possible 100, she scored three 96's and a 97 on each of the 4 parts. This placed her first of 71,000 candidates.

A few weeks later, Ms. Stoll continued on to take the certified management accountant exam in December and finished first out of a possible 4,500 candidates. These two examinations cover quite different material. I have been told that this could be the first time the same person has received the top score on both exams.

Mr. Speaker, it is rare that I can recognize someone like Laurie Stoll. I am glad to say that she was raised in my district, and that she continues to live there. Congratulations to Laurie.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE RABBI  
ABBA HILLEL SILVER: LEADER  
OF TEMPLE-TIFERETH ISRAEL  
CONGREGATION

## HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, On Sunday, May 16, 1993, the Temple-Tifereth Israel congregation concluded its year-long celebration recognizing the birth of its founder, the late Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. On that date, members of the temple congregation, distinguished guests and community leaders gathered to recognize the contributions of this great individual.

Last week my colleague, Congressman ERIC FINGERHUT, spoke in this Chamber in recognition of this special occasion. I appreciate the invitation which he extended to me to join in this salute to Rabbi Silver and the Temple-Tifereth Israel congregation.

Mr. Speaker, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver was a leading architect and founding father of the State of Israel. During his lifetime, he was also one of our Nation's greatest civil rights advocates and Jewish spiritual leaders. His strong commitment and tireless efforts as cochair of the United Jewish Appeal were crucial to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

In 1917, Rabbi Silver was installed at the Temple-Tifereth Israel congregation in Clevel-

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land. During his 47-year tenure, the temple became one of the country's leading synagogues, providing spiritual guidance and support for the community. He was an individual who was respected and admired tremendously.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that the main branch of "Silver's Temple" is located in my congressional district. I join my colleague, Congressman FINGERHUT, and members of the Cleveland community in paying tribute to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver as we mark the centenary of his birth.

**TAKEN INDIVIDUALLY OR IN SUM,  
MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS  
HAVE NOT PROVEN THEMSELVES**

**HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 1993*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, in February, I entered a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that identified the level of administrative expenditures of a few managed health care organizations. From reviewing the SEC filings of three managed care insurance companies, it was evident that these entities—which are often viewed as the most efficient providers of health care—spend tremendous amounts on administrative expenditures. They have not proven themselves capable of restraining the growth in health care costs.

In response to my RECORD statement, I heard some criticism that I was unfairly picking out a few managed care companies and not giving the industry its due credit for cost saving innovations.

Sadly enough, it appears that the three firms I reviewed are actually pretty representative of the managed care industry as a whole. A survey of managed care organizations published this week in Modern Healthcare found that the medical loss ratio—the value of health care services provided as a percentage of premium revenues received—averaged 84 percent. In other words, the managed care firms surveyed spent 16 cents of every premium dollar for things other than medical care.

Depending upon one's perspective, this may or may not sound like much. But the Medicare Program provides a sharp contrast. The Medicare Program had administrative costs of 2.5 percent in 1991 and were even lower than that last year at 2.1 percent. A difference of 14 percent when you are dealing with billions of health care dollars is a lot of money.

If all these administrative expenses rung up by managed care organizations produced better care or achieved savings elsewhere, these added costs might be worth it. But the reality is, they don't.

A review of the research on the subject by the Congressional Budget Office published last August found that even if all of the insured in the United States were enrolled in managed care plans, "the resulting [one time] reductions in NHE [national health expenditures] might be no more than 1 percent."

The CBO was more definitive on the topic of health care cost growth. In its report, the CBO

went on to say that "managed care would not affect [i.e. slow] the rate of growth in those costs."

In another assessment of managed care, Money magazine, after a 3 month review of patients, doctors, lawyers, administrators, and policy experts, reported in its April issue that "managed care buys us little in the way of savings but may cost us much in terms of quality of care." This is no surprise when we see more than 15 percent of health care resources being diverted away from direct patient care.

In its report, Modern Healthcare stated that the 36 corporations counted in its survey "represent a snapshot of the progress of managed care within the community based hospital system." If 16 percent overhead costs and no evidence of effective cost containment is to be considered progress, the prognosis for our country's health is not good.

**NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

**HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 1993*

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, this is National Police Week and I want to take this time to pay tribute to our Nation's law enforcement officers. For more than 200 years, thousands of brave men and women have paid the ultimate price—they gave their lives to protect their communities and their country. Last year alone, some 137 law enforcement officers from New York to California were killed in the line of duty.

Throughout our Nation's history, law enforcement officers—sheriffs, Texas rangers, U.S. marshals, FBI agents, beat officers—have played a key role in ensuring that America remained a nation of laws. All too often we forget what an important role law enforcement officers play in our daily lives. Each and every day some 500,000 law enforcement officers across this country put their lives on the line to protect their communities and to fight a never ending war against a wide array of criminals. Many times our law enforcement officers are outmanned and outgunned. But each and every day, men and women all over this Nation wear the badge with courage, pride, and dignity.

From 1981 to 1985, I had the honor of serving as sheriff of Mahoning County, OH. As a former law enforcement officer, I know all too well that there is no such thing as a routine assignment. When I was sheriff, one of my deputies, Sonny Litch, was brutally gunned down while transporting a prisoner. Sonny's name is now etched on the wall of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in Washington, DC. That beautiful memorial stands as a permanent and lasting tribute to the enormous sacrifices that have been made by a special group of men and women. I am gratified that Sonny's bravery and dedication to duty will be forever honored in our Nation's capital.

Mr. Speaker, in 1993 being a law enforcement officer presents many challenges and risks. The tragedy in Waco, TX stands as a

sobering reminder of the awesome firepower our law enforcement officers often have to face. It is a difficult and demanding job.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this time to recognize a very special group of men and women who I have a special respect for. As a Member of Congress for the past 8 years, I have had the honor and pleasure to work with the U.S. Capitol Police—a splendid group of dedicated professionals who do a fine job and who deserve our recognition, support, and thanks.

Mr. Speaker, National Police Week is a time to not only recognize and honor our law enforcement heroes, it is also a time to join with the survivors of those who have fallen in expressing our sorrow and our lasting admiration for those who have died in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to those law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, as well as those who continue to serve with pride, dignity, and tremendous courage.

**CONGRATULATING ROBERT C. JOHNSON**

**HON. KAREN SHEPHERD**

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 1993*

Ms. SHEPHERD. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate Mr. Robert C. Johnson of Cambria, Inc. in Salt Lake City for receiving the SBA's award for Small Business Person of the Year for the State of Utah.

With an initial investment of only \$15,000, Robert, his wife, Sandy, and their two employees started with one single print shop in West Valley City, UT. With a little help from an SBA loan, but mostly through hard work and sound business fundamentals, Rob and Sandy turned their initial investment into an operation involving 8 franchises, 72 employees, and annual gross sales over \$4,000,000.

Imprinted on the seal of the State of Utah is the word "industry." Rob Johnson personifies that very entrepreneurial spirit which has brought my State's business climate national acclaim.

As a former small business owner, I understand the pride associated with running a profitable business, as well as the trials and tribulations encountered along the road to success. National Small Business Week is not just a time to recognize our Nation's job-creating small business owners. It should remind us in Congress of our responsibility to always consider the effect of our decisions on the Nation's small business community.

**AWARD WINNING SPEECH BY MS. NAOMI CASTEEL**

**HON. JIM LIGHTFOOT**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIGHTFOOT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following award-winning speech that was given by Ms. Naomi Casteel of Fort



Madison, IA. Ms. Casteel was 1 of 29 individuals chosen to receive scholarships from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

# MY VOICE IN AMERICA'S FUTURE

(By Naomi Casteel)

Think with me for a moment about our country's future and try to select one group of people who you feel has the most influence on the next generation. A group that has the ability to change young people's lives. To give them a desire to learn and help them establish goals and dreams for their futures. To teach them that they can make a difference in the world today. While we all know that parents have the primary role of shaping their children's lives, the teachers of America, I feel, also share this rare privilege and have a direct impact on our nation's future and ultimately the world's. Because of the important role teachers have and because I want to make an impact in the world, I plan to make teaching young people my career.

One important way, I as a teacher can influence young people is by being a positive role model. In today's society there are far too many negative role models relaying messages to kids about who they should be, what they should look like, and overall what is important in life. Statistics prove that children's values and morals are founded by the time they are 5-7 years old which means that teachers of the kindergarten through 2nd grade have a huge responsibility of not setting a bad example. I plan to model as well as teach character qualities such as honesty, determination, reliability, and creativity. The students need to be taught that just as important as knowledge and skills are the qualities which enable them to use those skills in the work place and the community. Building up character is the first step to success.

Another way I plan to make an impact on my students lives is by recognizing the important role I play in building my student's self esteem. How successful can you be if you first don't believe in yourself and think positively about what you can accomplish? Teaching is more than just a class every day, it's a relationship with each and every student that walks through the classroom door. Young people can tell when a teacher cares about them and what they do with their life. I hope to make each student feel like they're important and that they can become someone. If kids feel like there's someone else who believes in them, then that helps them to learn to believe in themselves. Success comes from within. If I as a teacher can help students recognize their strengths and weaknesses, then they can learn how to focus on their strengths and learn from their weaknesses. This process builds self-confidence and allows for real growth and development which eventually leads to success. Whether the success includes great financial gain or notoriety, when self-esteem is in tact, a job well done becomes sufficient.

One of the most rewarding jobs I feel I will have as a teacher is passing on to my students an excitement about learning. In order to do this, I must be convinced that learning involves more than just filling the students minds with facts and figures. Raymond Moore, a professional in the field of public and home education for the past 25 years stated in a book he authored that learning is often times carried out in a fashion likened to the pouring of water from a pitcher to a glass. Water being the facts and the glass being the students mind. He emphasized that real education demands the pro-

cess of learning how to learn, involving such skills as asking appropriate questions, using higher thinking skills, and becoming an independent thinker. The methods that teachers use will either foster this kind of learning or negate it. If I as a teacher possess an excitement for learning, then I can expect my excitement to become contagious. If only every student could contract this kind of disease.

Lastly, too often we find that teachers have lost their personal vision of the role they play in shaping the young minds of tomorrow, but can we really blame them? As a society we need to recognize that we to share responsibility for that problem, in that we have not given our teachers the recognition and support they deserve. As a nation we should be ashamed that such an influential profession receives among the lowest salaries in our job market. I feel we as student, parents, communities, and governments need to grasp a vision of the power our teachers have in molding our nation's future. Then we can empower the teachers to regasp this vision and pass it on to our next generation.

As I look into my future of teaching kindergarten or first grade, I hope to instill a good foundation for the rest of my student's schooling careers by making learning a fun experience—something they'll look forward to. I want to teach my children to strive to be the best they can be.

But most of all I plan to build a solid relationship with each and every one and make sure that they know there's someone who believes in who they are and what they can accomplish. Everyone deserves the opportunity to become "someone" with his or her life, and, I want to take part in helping our youth on their road to success.

## TRIBUTE TO WHO'S WHO OF YOUNGSTOWN

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise here today to honor the recent Who's Who of Youngstown, OH, nominees. These individuals have contributed extensively to the Mahoning Valley community over the years. The honorees are:

Charles and Virginia Axtmann, both of whom have been very active in the Youngstown community since the 1950's. Charles has been involved with the Axtmann and Lomax Certified Public Accounting firm since 1946. Virginia Axtmann is the founder and organizer of the nature trail for disabled and handicapped people in Mill Creek Park and has been instrumental in various other aspects of the park. Charles is a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, while Virginia is a member of the advisory board of the Salvation Army and has worked with the blind. Both have been actively involved with the Easter Seal Foundation and First Covenant Church.

Mr. Otis Conel has been cited for his service to the community and giving of himself to others. He is the job developer at the Youngstown Area Community Action Center. He acts as a chauffeur for some residents of International Tower in the city. He is always per-

sonally concerned for others and spends his time making sure no one is forgotten sending numerous cards to the ill. He is the father of five children.

Rev. Mrs. Irma Corbett is the pastor, founder, and executive director of the People's Chapel Ministries which is on Hillman Street in one of the toughest areas of the city. The church was built in an area where she felt there was a vital need for it. It has provided food and clothing to those in need and is currently assisting the children of those who originally sought assistance. It grew from a storefront operation in 1973 to its present newly constructed edifice which they moved to in 1990. Rev. Corbett has received the Sojourner Truth Award from the Black Business Womens Association in 1983. She is married to Dr. J.O. Corbett and is the mother of a daughter.

Rev. Mrs. Inez Ellis has been very active in the community as demonstrated by last year's running of the South Side Soapbox Freewheel Race in Youngstown's southside, which allowed youth to build their own vehicles, race them, and compete for prizes. Since coming to the city in 1965, she has been instrumental in the 7-9-10 Rainbow's End Daycare, Communities Children for Christ, and the parent crossing watch which received recognition from former Ohio Governor Richard Celeste. She is also responsible for the "Silent Guard" project that I have introduced to make it a special offense to anyone doing harm to the person or property of a veteran. Her evangelical outreach has impacted upon thousands of valley residents. She is married to Mr. Roy Ellis and is the mother of two sons.

Rev. Mrs. Emma Lee Johnson provides transportation and care for various people in the community. She counsels the sick, aged, homeless, needy, and troubled youth. She has served as a foster parent for 27 years and opened up her home as an emergency shelter during that time. She has been a minister for over 35 years and has gained national attention for her evangelistic work in the streets. Reverend Johnson has also been very active in other aspects of the community as well. She is a widow and is the mother of two sons.

Ms. Alberta Madison is very active in the church. This octogenarian currently holds the position of president of the church's Mothers Board and participates in Sunday school and prayer and bible band. She is also acting president of the People Art Hurting Senior Citizen's Club. She also finds time to prepare meals and visit those who are sick and shut-ins.

Det. Sgt. Delphine Baldwin has received special recognition for her work in the community. She was one of the first woman on the Youngstown police force to patrol the streets and was the first female supervisor in the department's history. She is the commander of the private security program which certifies students through the State of Ohio and owns and operates her own recertification company, Essence of Weaponry, Inc. Currently the president of the Youngstown chapter of the Black Knights Police Association and the Women Law Enforcement Officers of Ohio, she is also very active with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 28, the YWCAs battered Persons Crisis Center, NAACP, Urban League, and the Executive Link. She

has received numerous community awards from organizations including the Sojourner House Award—domestic violence, Spirit of American Women Award, YWCA Woman of the Year—Business/Industry. She has three daughters.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to be able to stand here to recognize these individuals for their achievements and deeds. I only wish I had more constituents like these back home in my district.

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROBERT J. VAN SICKLE

HON. THOMAS J. BLILEY, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1993

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, small business is the backbone of the U.S. economy. Employing more than 99 percent of all working Americans and the vast majority of working women and minorities, small businesses offer opportunity and flexibility to Americans in a manner rivalled by none. At this time of economic recovery, I think it is fitting that we recognize small business as an invaluable component to the private sector.

Small business leaders from around the country came to Washington last week to be honored during the 30th Annual National Small Business Week. At this time, I would like to pay tribute to that individual designated the outstanding small business leader from the State of Virginia—who just happens to be from my District—Mr. Robert J. Van Sickle.

Mr. Van Sickle is the president of United Power Corp., a company which manufactures the electrical power conditioning equipment used in protecting critical loads such as computer systems, telecommunications equipment, and medical imaging contracts.

Unlike other companies involved in this industry, United Power designs their equipment in a modular system of interchangeable parts—parts that can be quickly assembled or disassembled in order to meet the customers' needs. Other companies normally either build to order, or sell standard equipment, and are not able to fulfill orders with the specificity that United Power is able to offer.

Because United Power has been so successful in this innovative approach, their customer list includes Boeing Aerospace, IBM, the Defense Mapping Agency, MCI, Los Alamos National Labs, and a long list of Fortune 500 companies and Government agencies.

Mr. Van Sickle has certainly overcome obstacles to arrive at where he and his company are today, and I greatly admire his determination, skill, and perseverance. For 5 years, Mr. Van Sickle has been faced with not only the challenges of competing in today's world, as well as the recession, but also some extraordinary problems; in 1987, within 90 days of the United Power's start-up, the business was robbed at gunpoint. Later that year the pipes burst in the building and United Power lost many of its technical documents necessary for development. And lastly, Mr. Van Sickle's partner suffered an accident and was unable to work for 2 months.

United Power is testimony that success is possible today in the United States, and that the American Dream has not died. Within 5 years, United Power has grown into a company that employs 57 individuals, and in 1992 boasted sales of \$7.4 million.

Mr. Van Sickle and the other individuals honored last week are leading this country out of recession city by city. It is this type of effort that will propel our private sector forward and create flexible and lasting jobs for men and women throughout our country.

BLACK LUNG BENEFITS RESTORATION ACT OF 1993 INTRODUCED

HON. AUSTIN J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1993

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remedy an oversight. On Wednesday May 12, 1993 I introduced the Black Lung Benefits Restoration Act of 1993. When the bill was introduced one of the original cosponsors, FRANK MCCLOSKEY of Indiana, was omitted because of a clerical mistake. This was an unfortunate oversight, and I apologize to FRANK. Throughout my many years of fighting for the rights of America's miners, FRANK MCCLOSKEY has been one of my truest allies. He has stood by me and consistently voted in favor of improving the lives of these hard working citizens. I am adding FRANK MCCLOSKEY as an additional cosponsor today, but he should be counted as an original cosponsor because he has assisted me with advice and support throughout the drafting of this important legislation.

ARACHNOIDITIS QUALIFIES AS A DISEASE OF THE NINETIES

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, arachnoiditis easily qualifies as a disease of the nineties. It has been described as "the greatest enigma in the field of spinal surgery" with few surgeons ever having seen it, and even fewer knowing how to treat it. In simple terms, arachnoiditis means "inflammation of the arachnoid," and characterized by chronic inflammation and thickening of the arachnoid matter, the middle of the three membranes that cover and protect the brain and spinal cord.

Arachnoiditis may develop up to several years after an episode of meningitis or subarachnoid hemorrhage—bleeding beneath the arachnoid. It may be a feature in diseases and disorders such as syphilis or it may result from trauma during a diagnostic procedure known as a myelogram. According to the Arachnoiditis Information and Support Network, more than 600,000 myelograms are performed in this country every year. Of the 12 million Americans who suffer from arachnoiditis, the cases resulting from myelograms could have been avoided.

In a myelogram, a radiopaque dye is injected into the spinal subarachnoid space. After the x-ray examination, as much of the oil as possible is withdrawn; however, a small amount is left behind and is slowly absorbed. Studies have implicated the iodized oil contract medium pantopaque, in arachnoiditis. Water-soluble dyes such as amipaque, omipaque, and isovue were once thought to be safer for use, however, recent evidence proves they also cause arachnoiditis.

Symptoms of arachnoiditis include chronic severe pain and a burning sensation which may attack the back, groin, leg, knee, or foot and can result in loss of movement to almost total disability. Other symptoms include bladder, bowel, thyroid, and sexual dysfunction, as well as headaches, epileptic seizures, blindness, and progressive spastic paralysis affecting the legs and arms.

In the past few years, arachnoiditis sufferers and Members of Congress alike have repeatedly asked the FDA to recall the use of pantopaque, to no avail. As a result, I have introduced H.R. 2079, a bill to ban myelograms involving the use of pantopaque, amipaque, omipaque, or isovue. This is not a new idea. Since 1990, England and Sweden have banned the use of pantopaque in myelograms. In 1986, Alcon, Inc. took pantopaque off the market in light of litigation against the company. But there is evidence that pantopaque is still stocked by hospitals and is being used today.

A large number of medical professionals do not know how to diagnose myelogram-related arachnoiditis, and when they do, they cannot treat it. Medical journals and case studies from around the world document the connection between radiopaque dyes and arachnoiditis. Despite this documentation, the medical profession as a whole has not been effectively informed and still persists in its use. Moreover, the lack of information prevents the physician from recognizing the disease or side effects of the residual dyes after the fact. The time has come for thorough research to study this painful, disabling condition. H.R. 2079 will direct the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke to estimate the number of Americans suffering from myelogram-related arachnoiditis and determine the extent of this relationship.

Every year, chronic back pain is responsible for billions of dollars in lost revenues and millions more in health care costs. Of the 100 million Americans who suffer from back pain each year, those who work take off 5 days per year because of their pain, which amounts to a productivity loss of about \$55 billion. Arachnoiditis sufferers want to become functioning, contributing members of society again. H.R. 2079 will provide research for treatments for arachnoiditis sufferers, including treatments to manage pain. Pain-management treatments would enable sufferers to once again become active, working members of society.

It's time to protect unsuspecting Americans from this debilitating and preventable condition. I ask Members of Congress to join me by cosponsoring H.R. 2079.



TRIBUTE TO THE STOCKBRIDGE  
HIGH SCHOOL NAVAL JUNIOR  
RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING  
CORPS

**HON. MICHAEL A. "MAC" COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 1993*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a fine group of young people from my district. The Stockbridge High School, Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, who captured first place in the 1993 Navy League National NJROTC field day championships.

I salute the following students for this outstanding accomplishment: Chris Baker, Chris Schaefer, Tim Bennett, Keith Shumate, Tom Bennett, Chris Strutko, Tommy Bloomberg, Matthew Brooks, Chantelle Claycomb, Todd Dixon, Jason Durden, Michael Ellis, John Fabbri, Mathew Felice, Sharon Franks, Jon Fretwell, Tony Furlough, Alex Gonzalez, Andrew Hall, Billy Maltbie, Adam Mathis, Paige Norwood, Jason Poole, Kenneth Renaud, Christine Rice, Valerie Rice, and Matthew Roberts.

The competition which the Stockbridge, GA Cadets won included academics, military drill and athletics. This event took place at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL. I congratulate Capt. Maxwell L. Lewis and senior chief Elvin Hoskins the naval science instructors for this unit.

The NJROTC Program is a unique program for high school students. The program stresses leadership, self-discipline and self-esteem. Typically, students who go through a NJROTC Program have higher grades and higher graduation rates than their counterparts who do not go through the program.

Georgia schools are probably our Nation's most active advocates of NJROTC Programs. The Stockbridge High School, Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps is indicative of the high quality of NJROTC Programs in my district and throughout Georgia.

**THE KEY TO STEADY  
EMPLOYMENT IN NASSAU COUNTY**

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 1993*

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my concern about those Americans who have not yet benefited from the current economic recovery. Unemployment, unfortunately, continues to be a problem in my Long Island district as in other areas of the country.

I am encouraged, however, by the potential that exists for future employment growth on Long Island. For example, there will always be a great demand for legal and healthcare professionals that extend beyond doctors and lawyers, including court reporters and medical transcriptionists.

At the request of my constituent, Mary Hauptman, who is president of the Hicksville-based Court Reporting Institute, I would like to

offer into the RECORD a speech she recently delivered entitled "The Key to Steady Employment in Nassau County".

**THE KEY TO STEADY EMPLOYMENT IN NASSAU  
COUNTY**

(By Mary Hauptman)

While businesses continue to consolidate over the next decade, corporate America will also continue to pare down. Everything from equipment to new employees must coincide with the new business thinking: running leaner and meaner.

Over the past five years, jobs have been lost to a faltering economy in almost all industries throughout the country. Nassau County was not immune. In fact, Nassau County was hit particularly hard.

Structural changes in companies have left trained workers in the service sector without an outlet for their skills. Jobs once thought to be indispensable have either been replaced by technology or consolidated into other positions. Whatever the case may be, there are many who are faced with the challenge of finding jobs with stability, growth potential and, of course, salary commensurate with experience. How can Long Islanders better increase their chances for finding jobs if faced with unemployment? Is there hope for these workers? Yes, if job seekers know what jobs to seek.

The potential for future employment on Long Island lies in jobs that are created to serve the needs of the community. Regardless of economic conditions, there will always be a great demand for legal and healthcare professionals that extend beyond doctors and lawyers. These include court reporters and medical transcriptionists.

The ever-growing significance and quantity of jobs for support workers in these industries have created a thriving workforce of professionals. Salaries for court reporters are on the rise. According to the Unified Court System of New York, the starting salary of a Supreme/County court reporter in Nassau County is approximately \$50,705. The demand for court reporters is building due to dramatic increases in litigation, medical malpractice, bankruptcy, and civil action suits, not to mention the growing number of law firms opening in Nassau County.

Likewise, the need for the immediate return of official medical records is generating an increased demand for medical transcriptionists. The skills required for both professions are transferable and can be acquired in a matter of months, through intensive training at proprietary schools.

The merits of proprietary schools which prepare a workforce of highly skilled professionals should not be overlooked. The fact is these schools have taken a considerable interest in providing the education and training necessary to teach the skills that are in demand in the existing economic environment.

A stimulated local economy is and will be the direct result of these institutions being located on Long Island. With proper guidance and encouragement from school counselors and administrators, the newly trained professionals will be increasingly incorporated into the Long Island workforce.

**TRIBUTE TO RETIRING  
EDUCATORS**

**HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 1993*

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise here today to pay tribute to seven educators who are retiring from the Williamson Elementary School in the Youngstown City School District of my 17th Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, these educators will be sadly missed by their colleagues and students, as they have collectively contributed over 194 years of educational service to the children of Ohio.

Principal Raymond Brown has been serving in education for 28 years. He has served in the Air Force, graduated from Youngstown State University, and received an M.S. from Westminster College. In 1972, he became the principal at Monroe Elementary School. Four years later, Mr. Brown became the principal at Hillman Jr. High School, before moving on again to Rayen High School in 1980. Finally in 1984, he was named principal at Choffin Career Center before he took over at Williamson Elementary. He is a past recipient of the Jennings Scholar award.

Nancy Zilavy has been teaching for over 31 years. She has had over 40 student teachers and has been at Williamson for 25 years. She has received numerous awards including the Outstanding Special Education Teacher Trophy, had art ideas published in Highlights magazine, and been featured on many local radio and television shows. She and her husband Gene have two children and two grandchildren.

La Verne Brown has been teaching for 29 years. She has lived, learned, and taught her whole life in the Mahoning Valley area. A graduate of Youngstown State University and Westminster College, she continued her education at Kent State and Youngstown. She has also given much of her time to committees related to teaching, textbooks, and community relations. She has received the Jennings Scholar Award, the Ashland Oil Group Award, and by numerous other teaching organizations. She feels that "teaching is recognizing the potential of children and helping them to utilize it to the best of their ability so that they can go out into the world and be all that they can be."

Rose Morris is retiring after 25 years in the classroom. She is a graduate of Youngstown State University, and a recipient of many awards including the Ashland Oil Co. Teacher Achievement Award, the Special Education Good Apple Teacher Award, and the East Ohio Gas Co. Science Award, 3 years. She has four children of her own, but the number of lives that she has touched over the years is in the thousands.

Christine Porter has taught over 2,500 students in over 35 years of teaching. Ms. Porter's credentials list runs long, so I will only include the most amazing aspects. She received her degree from Kent State in 1958, and first served as a speech pathologist in Cuyahoga County. Eventually she moved to Youngstown and began teaching children here. She was

part of the first Head Start Program in Youngstown. She helped develop many innovative teaching techniques for children. She also was elected to office for the Public School Caucus, an arm of the American Speech/Language Hearing Association. One of her greatest experiences was hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and out again and telling her students about it. Her rewards are the smiling faces of children when they have reached their goals.

Ester Adair is retiring as a librarian after 24 years. Maybe now she can devote time to her 5 children and 10 grandchildren. A graduate of Campbell Memorial High, Ester attended Youngstown College. She has worked with children for over 40 years in church and community centers. She has received numerous proclamations from her elected officials for all of her service to the community.

Quincy Penn has spent 19 of her 22 years at Williamson School. She is a graduate of East High School and attended Youngstown State University completing 2½ years of elementary education. Quincy has been active in many community groups including the Mayor's Advisory Committee. She has helped teens with summer jobs at the Youngstown Employment Training Corp., and has been an active parent. She also received a special service award for work rendered at Southside Hospital in Pediatrics for her 13 years there.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pride to stand here today to honor these wonderful educators. I don't know what the Williamson Elementary School will do without them. Their loss will be hard to recover from. I just hope that each of these amazing individuals is able to enjoy the retirements they have so truly earned.

#### POLICE MEMORIAL DAY, 1993

### HON. DAVID A. LEVY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 1993*

Mr. LEVY. Mr. Speaker, each May 15, our Nation sets aside 1 day to honor the memory of police officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. In Washington, DC, alongside the monuments to brave members of the armed services and Americans who have made historic contributions to freedom, stands a memorial to police officers who died defending our local communities.

Police officers are a fixture in every American neighborhood. Our society cannot live safely without effective police protection. From the one man sheriff departments in small towns to the large forces in populous cities, police officers are dedicated public servants who daily risk their lives to protect our families and property. Many have died so that we may enjoy a safe life in a secure neighborhood.

The demands we make upon our police officers extend beyond defending our lives and property. Our police officers are routinely thrust into the role of social worker, mediator, marriage counselor, and community leader. These often thankless tasks are accepted by officers not because it has become "part of the job," but because our police officers care

deeply about the people and neighborhoods they protect. Police officers are rightfully applauded for acts of bravery and headline-grabbing arrests. However, we should be more mindful and appreciative of the time and effort police put towards their day-to-day tasks.

Much of a police officer's work involves potentially perilous encounters which end peacefully yet take a demanding physical and psychological toll. Violent domestic arguments, bar fights, or traffic violators on dark roads all are possible life threatening confrontations which officers face every workday. Police officers are often subjects of lengthy tirades by citizens who may have been stopped for speeding or other lesser violations of the law. "You should be out catching the real criminals," irate people often tell officers. If only people took more care to obey minor laws, our police officers would have more time to spend on dangerous criminals.

Despite daily mental ordeals and risks to life and limb, our police continue to face daily dangers with determination and vigilance. Many of the men and women officers who have died lived with their families in the very neighborhood where they worked and were known and respected by the community.

We can be proud of these valiant public servants who have given much of themselves for the benefit of our others. We owe those who have fallen a debt of gratitude for their service, and their families have earned our deepest sympathies.

#### TRIBUTE TO KNOB NOSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 1993*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to recognize the students and staff of the Knob Noster Elementary School in Knob Noster, MO. Knob Noster Elementary was recently honored by the U.S. Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School. Principal Dan Lowry, accompanied by teachers Clo Cass and Theresa Rhoderick, visited my office while they were in Washington to accept the Blue Ribbon School Award on behalf of Knob Noster Elementary.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program identifies and gives national recognition to schools that are unusually effective in meeting local, State, and national goals and in educating all of their students. The selection criteria used by the Blue Ribbon Schools' Review Panel include leadership, teaching environment, curriculum and instruction, student environment, parent and community support, and organizational vitality. The panel also considers student performance on measures of achievement, daily student and teacher attendance rates, students' postgraduation pursuits, and school, staff and student awards.

The Blue Ribbon School Program brings deserved attention to schools receiving the award, and provides an opportunity for Blue Ribbon Schools to share with and learn about effective education techniques from other schools. Congratulations again to the students and staff of Knob Noster Elementary.

#### 1993 HONOREES FOR THE CURB- STONE COACHES HALL OF FAME SALUTED

### HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 1993*

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 1993 Honorees for the Curbstone Coaches Hall of Fame of Boardman, which is in my 17th Congressional District of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, these 13 men and women, in the words of the Hall of Fame, "are athletes who brought favorable reflection and distinction to our community." Mr. Speaker, I join the Mahoning Valley in saluting these noteworthy individuals.

Jim Vechiarella: Jim was a standout football player at both the high school, all city, and college—little all American level. He is currently a well-respected assistant coach with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League [NFL].

Ronald W. "Ronnie" Stoops: Ronnie was an all city football player in high school, named both offensive and defensive player of the year by Youngstown State and played baseball in the Washington Senators farm league. He returned home to play on a variety of fast-pitch softball championship teams over a span of five decades. He died October 7, 1988 at the age of 54.

Sanford D. Rivers: Sanford was a three-sport letterman in high school who participated in the Ohio State track and field championships and who still owns the high hurdle record he set in 1962. He currently is a referee in the NFL with postseason experience.

Chuck Perazich: Mr. Perazich is the retired executive sports editor of the Youngstown Vindicator who has seen it all on the sports front, including the World Series and the Super Bowl. He has won numerous awards for his writing and is enshrined in the Media Wing of the Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame.

Joseph Anzivino: Joseph is a former sports editor, radio host, and public relations guru. He is currently the president of the Harlem Globetrotters.

William A. "Bill" Santor: Bill is a golfing legend. He has won numerous club championships and shot a course record 66 at Yankee Run. He also won the European Theater Operation championship while serving in World War II.

Dolly Viglio Ponzi: Dolly is the current president of the Youngstown Women's Bowling Association [YWBA] and delegate to the WIBC National Convention. Her 189 average during 1971-72 was tops in the YWBA.

John B. "Johnny" Pape: Johnny pitched a no-hitter in his first outing as a freshman in high school and once recorded 20 strikeouts in a single game. He played against the legendary Josh Gibson, Satchel Paige, and Ewell "The Whip" Blackwell. He also won the 1936 American Legion Pitching Award.

Dr. Larry Glass, D.D.S.: Dr. Glass is a football referee who has garnered much respect on the high school and collegiate levels. He has officiated in the Ohio and Mid-American Conferences as well as the Peach, Cherry, and Hall of Fame Bowls.



Mike Garcia: A coach extraordinaire. His Austintown Fitch High School cross country and track and field teams are unstoppable. Their combined record of 432-32-.931 winning percentage—is unheard of at any level in any sport. He is a member of the Ohio Track Coaches Hall of Fame.

Burl Charity, Jr.: Mr. Charity posted a 42-8 overall mark as a professional boxer, taking on the likes of Jake LaMotta, Joe Basora, and Peter Muller. He fought to a draw for the European middleweight title in 1955.

Alfred Boggia: Alfred is a gifted athlete and an ever-present coach. He roams the sidelines for basketball, baseball, and football, imparting his wisdom to a number of squads for the past 39 years. He is a member of the Old-Timers Baseball Hall of Fame.

Herbert W. Lake, Sr.: Herbert helped the Penguins become a household word nationwide while playing basketball for Youngstown State. He led them to a 77-34 overall mark between 1955 and 1959, with three consecutive trips to the NAIA national tournament. He is the only Penguin to ever average more career rebounds than points when averaging over 15 in either category.

#### DRUG REVIEW BOARD REWARDS PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1993

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, the President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform has suggested that a Prescription Drug Price Review Board be adopted by the administration as a mechanism to curb the soaring costs of prescription drugs. According to today's New York Times, "there is consensus on the task force in support of a drug price review board" which would be loosely modeled after the Canadian system.

Last February, I introduced the Prescription Drug Price Review Board Act of 1993 (HR 916). The bill would create a board to track drug prices and to ensure that pharmaceutical products are available at a reasonable price, for inpatient and outpatient care. The Board would be particularly interested in drugs which are developed with Government funds.

Many members of Congress and senior groups, including the AARP, Grey Panthers and the National Council of Senior Citizens are supportive of this initiative. The AARP wrote, "a better balance is necessary between record-breaking drug company profits and the affordability of prescription medications."

The Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, to its credit, has done a wonderful job of scaring away many would-be supporters of this legislation. The PMA has threatened that Federal involvement will equal less research and development.

As John McLaughlin would say, "Wrong!"

The Board will reward pharmaceutical firms for innovative research! My legislation proposes an increase in patent length for drugs which are reasonably priced. I do not know of one drug company which would turn its back

on increased patent protection. The Board will help to shift pharmaceutical research from me-too drugs to new, therapeutically superior drugs.

Prescription drugs are important in keeping health care costs down. However, both the American consumer and taxpayer need to know that they're getting a good return on their investment. A drug review board can fill this void. It's already worked in Canada, and it will certainly work in America.

#### A SPECIAL SALUTE TO REV. DR. F. ALLISON PHILLIPS, MOUNT ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

#### HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1993

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, May 22, 1993, the Mount Zion Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, which is located in my congressional district of Cleveland, OH, will celebrate the 11th anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Dr. F. Allison Phillips. Members of the congregation, family, and friends will gather at the Omni Hotel for a special luncheon in honor of Reverend Phillips.

I am pleased to participate in this special tribute to an outstanding individual and dynamic minister of the gospel. I want to share with my colleagues and the Nation important information regarding Rev. Dr. F. Allison Phillips.

Reverend Phillips is a graduate of Virginia Union University where he received his bachelor of arts degree. He went on to receive a master of divinity degree from the Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Lastly, he is a graduate of the New York Theological Seminary. For the past 11 years, he has been a committed and dedicated leader at Mount Zion Congregational Church.

Mr. Speaker, I take pride in noting that under the direction of Pastor Phillips, the Mount Zion Church has been a beacon of light in the Cleveland community. The church has reached out with services and programs to benefit families, our youth, and the elderly. The church has also been vocal in its commitment to neighborhood development, educational opportunity, fair housing, and civil rights. The Cleveland community has benefited greatly from this commitment.

In addition to his pastoral assignment, Pastor Phillips is very active in the Cleveland community. He serves as a board member for a number prestigious organizations including the Urban League, American Red Cross, Greater Cleveland Roundtable, Leadership Cleveland, and the Phillips Wheatley Association. Pastor Phillips is also a member of the executive committee of University Circle, Inc.; a member of the board of commissioners, Cleveland Bicentennial, and national president of the Ministers for Racial and Social Justice, United Church of Christ.

Rev. Dr. Phillips and his wife, Velma, reside in Shaker Heights. They are the proud parents of Saidah and Alyson. They are also the proud grandparents of Jason, Janell, and Jamal.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise to pay tribute to Rev. Dr. F. Allison Phillips. I join mem-

bers of the Mount Zion Congregational Church family, his many friends, and others in extending my best wishes on the occasion of his 11th anniversary. I also wish him Godspeed as he and the Mount Zion family continue on this great mission.

#### TRIBUTE TO REV. THOMAS W. CEBULA

#### HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1993

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Reverend Thomas W. Cebula, a respected religious and community leader in my district.

Mr. Speaker, on May 25, 1993, the citizens of Warren, OH, will celebrate Father Cebula's silver anniversary as an ordained priest. He began his pastorship at the Sacred Heart Church in Youngstown and has since led St. Mary's, St. Aloysius', and St. Michael's parishioners in worship. He became the pastor of St. Pius X in Warren in 1982 and still serves the parish.

His tenure at St. Pius has been a glowing one. He has introduced a number of ministries there, including the Prayer Circle, Renew, the Ethnic Festival, and the Celebration of Life. He has also inspired commitment and involvement in his parish, resulting in 40 active committees and organizations at the church. He was appointed as dean of the priests of Trumbull County in 1988 and now serves as the county's secretary for the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Speaker, Father Cebula recently reached the half century mark, but his charm and exuberance belie his age. His antics, ranging from a singing cowboy to a hula dancer, have enlivened those around him, and inspired them to work for the good of the community.

I would like to take this special opportunity to congratulate this exceptional man on his silver anniversary as an ordained priest.

#### TRIBUTE TO GREGORY A. MONTE

#### HON. SUSAN MOLINARI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 1993

Ms. MOLINARI. Mr. Speaker, as much as we may hear the term "hero," once in a while an act of true heroism will remind us how rare a commodity heroism is. It is far more impressive when the source of such an act is a mere 11 years of age. With this in mind, I rise today in tribute to my constituent, Gregory A. Monte, of Brooklyn, NY, the boy-hero from Public School 127, who recently received the American Automobile Association [AAA] School Safety Patrol Lifesaving Medal Citation.

In October 1992, Gregory Monte was on duty at the corner of 7th Avenue and 79th Street, a particularly dangerous intersection. Traffic was heavy, and visibility at the corner

was limited for both drivers and pedestrians by a dense foliage and the lack of a sidewalk on 7th Avenue. The traffic signal was green for a vehicle on 7th Avenue when a second grade girl ducked under Gregory's arm and bolted into the roadway. Seeing an oncoming truck, Gregory raced after the child and pulled her back onto the sidewalk just as the truck sped past.

The School Safety Patrol Program is an excellent idea which provides a badly needed service to the community. It helps in ensuring the safety of younger children while teaching responsibility to the older children. The AAA is to be congratulated for providing the lifesaving medical citation and recognizing students for their courage—students like Gregory.

Mr. Speaker, perhaps the most remarkable thing about this is that Gregory, while participating in a problem designed to teach him responsibility, has taught all of us a great deal about courage and heroism. Accordingly, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Gregory Monte and all of the other recipients of the AAA School Safety Patrol Lifesaving Medal Citation.

#### TRIBUTE TO DICK THOMPSON

##### HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 1993*

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Dick Thompson, a radio icon in my district since 1958.

Mr. Speaker, Dick will retire after 35 years of service May 20, 1993. Longevity is rare in show business, but Dick started with WHOT-AM from its beginning and remained there throughout his career. He became program director 2 years after joining the station and guided it through tough times. As FM became more popular, the "50" rating WHOT received at its inception was endangered. But Dick launched intense marketing campaigns which constantly involved the station with the community. It hosted popular Friday night dances as well as "Hot Day" and "Spring Thing" rituals at Idora Park. With these trailblazing ideas, WHOT remained strong and continued to play the hits.

Nine years ago, WHOT made the switch to FM. This was not without a fight, however, as it was one of the last AM stations in the county to successfully play Top 40 music. It remains a popular station today.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this special opportunity to thank Dick Thompson for his 35 years service to not only WHOT, but to the Youngstown community.

#### GERALD MARKER 1925-1992

##### HON. CARLOS J. MOORHEAD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 1993*

Mr. MOORHEAD. Mr. Speaker, it is my regret to announce the death of a courageous man who served American workers by fighting for their right to choose whether to join or support a union.

Gerald Marker died of cancer on August 20, 1992, at his home in Van Nuys, California. He was 66.

Gerald Marker lived his life with the same faith that caused Abraham Lincoln to remark:

My faith in the proposition that each man should do precisely as he pleases with all which is exclusively his own lies at the foundation of the sense of justice there is in me. I extend the principle to communities of men as well as to individuals.

As an employee of the McDonnell Douglas aerospace firm for 23 years, he first encountered compulsory unionism in 1951 when he was forced to join the Electrical Workers Union.

In 1962, Gerry gave voice to employee protests and lawsuits opposing agency shop contracts forced upon thousands of aerospace employees.

And in 1967, he led a large group of aircraft production workers in suing officials of the Machinists Union to prevent them from using their forced agency shop payments for political purposes.

Gerry's ground-breaking lawsuit, known initially as the Seay case, began a train of legal precedents that led ultimately to the U.S. Supreme Court's 1984 *Ellis/Fails* and 1988 *Beck* decisions.

Both the *Ellis/Fails* and *Beck* decisions declared once and for all that union officials

could not use workers compulsory agency fees for politics.

After years of fighting coercive unionism on the plant floor and in the court room, Gerry was elected to the board of directors of the National Right to Work Committee in 1973.

He was elevated to chairman of the National Right to Work Committee's board of directors in 1986.

His quiet courage and resolute dedication inspired his fellow advocates of worker freedom—right up to the end, when he met an enemy—cancer—that could not conquer his spirit, but did, finally, subdue his body.

I stand before this body to acknowledge his many accomplishments and to offer my condolences to his family and friends.

His leadership and vision will be sorely missed by everyone who believes in the fundamental principle that no one should be forced to pay union dues as a condition of employment.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE NEW INDUCTEES OF THE GREATER YOUNGSTOWN OLD-TIMERS ASSOCIATION'S HALL OF FAME

##### HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 18, 1993*

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the new inductees of the Greater Youngstown Old-Timers Association's hall of fame. This association has honored talented former ball players with induction into their hall of fame for 30 years. This year's inductees are: Frank Mogulich, Steve Garasic, Frank Murphy, Bill Babik, Joe Manichini, Steve Glozer, Steve Sheronovich, and Francis McHugh.

The posthumous honors go to the following: Tony Walley, Michael Ragan, Marv Birkholtz, and Steve Mlinarsik.

In addition, Joseph A. Vrabel will be honored with the king of the Realm Award. This honor is given in appreciation of his many years of service on behalf of the old-timers.